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tion of the Kinges plea-
sure, published after his depa-
ture from Paris : importing the
cause of his sudden and forced
going away.



Rusty and wel-
beloued. Being
in our Towne
of Paris, where
we bent our on-
ly cogitatiōs to
no other thing but the appea-
sing of all sorts of ielouzies and
disturbances in Picardy and else-
wher, which hindered our tour-
ney into our Country of Poictou,
there to prosecute the warres
enterprized against the Hugue-
noes, according as we had resol-
ued, our chosen the duke of Guise

vnwares to vs, did there arive
the ninth of this moneth. His
comming after that sort so en-
creased the saide ielouzies and
distrustes, that wee were much
troubled therewith: the rather
for that before we had from di-
uers places beene aduertized,
that he shold come in such ma-
ner: also, that he was looked for,
by sundry the inhabitantes of
the same towne, who were sus-
pected to bee the authours of the
saide distrusts, besides that our
selfe had before for the same
cause giuen him to understand, þ
wee were nothing desirous of
his comming before we had ap-
peazed the aforesayde troubles
of Picardy, and quite taken away
the causes of the same. Conside-
ring neverthelesse, that he came
accompanied onely with four-
teene or fiftene horses, we were

con-

content to see him, and that the
rather to the ende to endeuour
so to deale with him that all oc-
casions of ielouzie and distrust
might be extinguished: wherin
seeing how smally wee profited,
as also that our saide Towne
grew dayly more and more re-
plenished with Gentlemen and
strangers, retayners to the said
Dukes trayne: also, that such
searches, as we caused the ma-
gistrates and officers thereof
to make, were throngh the fear
wherinto they were driven, per-
formed to halues: likewise, that
the harts and affections of sun-
dry the enhabitants were dayly
prouoked, and more and more
alienated: together with the or-
dinary aduertizementes wher-
by wee were from time to time
enformed of some great trou-
bles to fal out in þ same towne,

we determined to cause the said
searches to be more exactly per-
formed throughout al the quar-
ters thereof thou the former, to
the end thereby to discouer and
truely finde out the state of the
same, also to auoide such stran-
gers as shoulde be found not to
be aduowed as they ought. For
the performance whereof wee
thought it good to strengthen
certaine the bodies of the gar-
des of the inhabitants and bur-
geses of the same Town whom
we had appointed to be planted
in fourre or fift corners there-
of, with the companies of *Suit-
zers*, and such as were of the re-
giments of our guard: who be-
fore were lodged in þ suburbs:
also to commaunde divers the
Lords of the counsail & knightes
of our order of the holy ghost, to
march along the streets & quar-
ters

ters thereof accompanied with
the quarter masters and others
the officers of the said Towne,
such as haue bene vsually accu-
stomed to make the saide seat-
ches to the end by their counte-
naunce to authorize and assist
them in the same, as hath sun-
dry times bin practized. Wher-
of also we gaue notice to the said
Duke, and all the enhabitantes
of the saide Towne, leaste any
thereof shoulde take allarom
or any whit doubt of our entent
in this point, which order at the
beginning the Burgesses and
Dwellers seemed to take quietly
and in good part: Howbeit
within a while after matters
grewe so whot and that the ra-
ther through the induction of
divers who wandering vp and
dowone enformed the said enha-
bitants that we had not brought

in the said forces for any other
end, but only to establish forrein
garisons within the Towne a-
foresaid, yea, and to deale worse
then so: whereby in short space
they had so animated and stir-
red them vp, that if wee had not
expressly forbidden the leaders
of our troopes from attempting
any thing against the sayde en-
habitants, & withall commaun-
ded them rather to beare and
endure all extremities then to
offer any violence, wee doe vn-
doubtedly beleue that it had bin
vnpossible to eschue the general
sacke of the Towne and much
bloudshed. This when we per-
ceined, wee determined to cease
the execution of the searches a-
foresaid, also to cause our forces
to retire whome wee had not
brought in, but vpon that onely
occasion: as also it was no o-
ther

ther like, but that if we had met
 other wise wee woulde haue at-
 tempted, yea, and peradventure
 put in execntion whatsoeuer
 our purposes before the rising
 of the said enhabitantes, eyther
 that they had drawne their
 chaynes or erected their defen-
 ses in the streetes, which imme-
 diatly after neone they went in
 hande withall, and in a manner
 in one instant throughout all
 the streetes of *Paris*, being there-
 to induced and perswaded by
 sundry gentlemen, Capteines
 and other straungers sent in by
 the saide Duke of *Guise*, who to
 the same end, in very short space
 appeared, deuided and aranged,
 throughout euery quartre of the
 towne. Hercupon causynge the
 sayde *Switzers* and french com-
 panies, to returne, the sayd en-
 habitantes to our great greate
 dis-

discharged divers Harquebuzze
shot, & dealt some blowes which
light cheefely upon the sayde
Switzers, whome the same eve-
ning we commaunded to retire
and lodge about our Castle of
the *Loure*, there to expect the
cuent of this commotion of the
said towne-men: for the appea-
sing wherof, we did all that pos-
sibly we could, yea, so farre forth
as the next day to procure all
the sayd companies, except such
as before their comming in we
had placed in guard before our
said Castle, to depart the towne,
as beeing enformed that in so
doing, we might greatly contēt
and pacify the said inhabitants:
as also wee caused to stay some
remaynder of the companies of
foote-men of the regiment of Pi-
cardy, albeit they were as yet se-
uen or cygnt leagues off, togē-
ther

ther with divers Lordes and
gentlemen our seruaunts that
drewen vnto vs: as considering
þ the same had bred some sha-
dowe to this people, also þ they
took holt of this pretence, wher-
by the more to prouoke & stirre
them vp. All this notwithstanding-
ing, in lieuo of finding our wi-
shed effect to their own vncleite
and our contention, they ne-
uerthelesse still proceeded in rai-
sing their bulwarks, strengthe-
ning their garde night & day,
& approaching the same toward
our said Castle of the *Loure*, even
to the very sentinelz of our ordi-
nary garde, as also they scazed
vpon the townehouse of the same
towne, togither with the keyes
of s. *Anthonies* gate and other the
gates therof: so that by the thir-
teenth of this moneth, matters
were runne so farre that it see-
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med vnpossible by mans power
to stoppe the effect of greater vi-
olence and commotion, euen be-
fore our sayd castle gates. This
when wee perceived, and being
neuerthelesse vnwilling to em-
ploy our sayd forces against the
said enhabitantes, as hauing e-
uermore helde the preseruation
of the sayde Towne with the
enhabitants thereof, as deere as
our owne life, as in sundry their
occasions they haue well tryed
and is evident to all men, wee
determined the same day to de-
part, and rather to absent our
selues, and abandon the place
which aboue all the world wee
most loued, and so doe still desire
to doe, then to see it encurre fur-
ther hazarde or receiue greater
domage: hauing withal entrea-
ted our most honourable Lady
and Mother to stay, & try whe-
ther

ther she might through her discretion and authoritie in our absence bee able to finde anye means, how to appeaze the said tumult, which notwithstanding, whatsoeuer her endevours, she conilde not in our presence performe, and so are come into this our Towne of *Chartres*, from whence wee thought good immediatly to sende you these presentes therein desiring you to consider of the consequence of this cause, how prejudicall and hurtfull it will be, in case it goe forward, vnto the cōmon cause, especially to our holy catholike, Apostolike and Romish religiō, sith that they who were wont to fight togither for the propagation therof, shal through this accident (if it bee not remedied) be disuited and forced to turne their weapons eache against other:

ther: to eschue the falling wher-
into we pray you to beleue that
for our partes we wil do what-
soeuer possibly we may: of such
force is the zeale that we beare
vnto our saide religion, as he-
therto we haue sufficiently cau-
sed to appeare. We also, so much
as in vs lyeth, exhort and pray
you to procure supplications to
God in your Churches for this
rebnion, as also that the obedi-
ence vnto vs due, bee obserued
according as is meete, and not
to suffer the enhabitants of our
Towne of M. to depart the
right pathes thereof: but to ad-
monish and perswade them to
remaine quiet and constant in
their loyalties to their King: &
in vniou and concord one with
an other, so to mayntayne and
preserue themselves vnder our
obedience, and not to encurre
the

the discōmodities for them provided, if they take any other course. Thus besidēs that you shal performe an action worthy your discretions, fidelities and dutiēs, which may bee a notable example to all subiectes, we shal recide you thanks for euer, & acknowledge it to you and yours.

Giuen at Chartres. May,

1588

